



# TEXAS CDL THIRD PARTY SKILLS TESTING ROUTE CERTIFICATION

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in ink. All fields are required and will be verified prior to route certification

## INSTRUCTIONS

All CDL Third Party Skills Testing Providers are required to obtain certification from the Department that one skills testing route and one alternate route utilized for CDL skills testing meets the Basic Control Skills and Road Testing standards. To obtain this certification, complete this application and submit to the Department with the following documentation:

- An overhead satellite image of the area to be used for the basic skills testing area (see reverse for example)
- A street view map layout with street names detailing the proposed route (see reverse for example)
- A list of maneuvers and the location where the maneuvers will be executed, including a brief description of the explanation that will be provided to the driver in order to conduct the maneuver. (see reverse for example)

## THIRD PARTY APPLICANT INFORMATION

Organization name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Office): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Cell/Other): \_\_\_\_\_

## PRE-TRIP AND BASIC SKILLS INFORMATION

*Provide the physical location where these exams will be administered.*

Skills Testing Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

## PRIMARY ROAD TEST ROUTE INFORMATION

*Provide the physical location where the road test will start and be completed. See reverse for the additional documentation needed for route approval.*

Skills Testing Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

## ALTERNATE ROAD TEST ROUTE INFORMATION

*Provide the physical location where the alternate road test will start and be completed. See reverse for the additional documentation needed for route approval.*

Skills Testing Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

## For Department Use Only

The Basic Controls Skills Pad and the CDL road test routes meet the 2005 CDL Test Revisions, contains the following maneuvers and is approved for the administration of Class A & B road tests.

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| a. Right Turn (scored) – 4      | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | g. Weight / Clearance / Sign – 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Left Turn (scored) – 4       | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | h. Expressway – 1                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Intersection – 4             | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | i. Railroad Crossing – 1         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Curve (1 left / 1 right) – 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>   | j. Roadside Stop / Start – 1     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Lane Changes – 2             | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>   | k. Weight / Clearance / Sign – 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Urban Area – 1               | <input type="checkbox"/>  | l. Student Discharge – 1         | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Assistant Manager Signature  
Customer Operations

Office/Region

Date

## Skills Test Route Criteria

**Basic Skills Test** - The Basic Skills Test pad must be able to accommodate the following maneuvers:

- Straight-line backing for 100' (240' needed for maneuver)
- Offset backing
  - Class A (Total area of 35' by 180' required. Two parallel lanes 12' wide each, with a 12" median for separation and 40' in length. 140' of space in front of each 40' lane for maneuvering)
  - Class B (Total area of 35' by 140' required. Two parallel lanes 12' wide each, with a 12" median for separation and 40' in length. 100' of space in front of each 40' lane for maneuvering)
- Parallel parking
  - Parking area - Length of vehicle plus 15'
  - Total usage area – A minimum of 225'

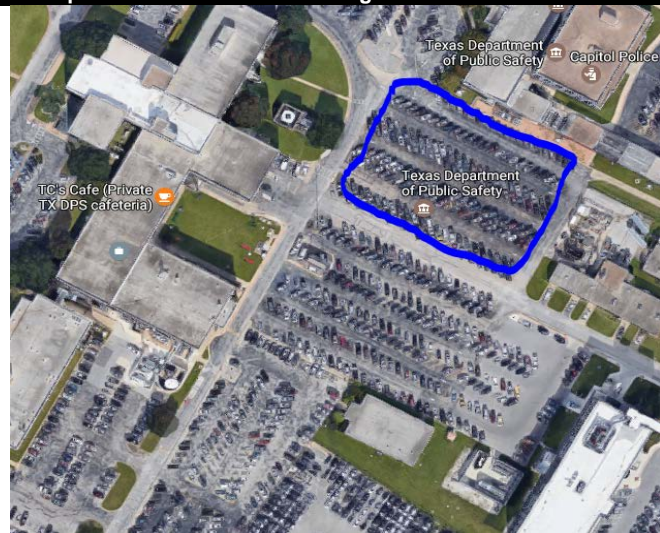
**Road test** – The primary and alternate road test route must incorporate the following maneuvers:

- 4 Left turns
- 4 Right turns
- 2 lane change maneuvers
- 1 straight section of urban business street
- 2 through intersections
- 2 intersections requiring a stop
- 1 railroad crossing (or simulation)
- 1 right curve
- 1 left curve
- Section of Expressway or limited-access roadway
- Roadside stop/start
- Low Clearance/weight restriction/or traffic sign observation
- Student Discharge (for school bus exams)

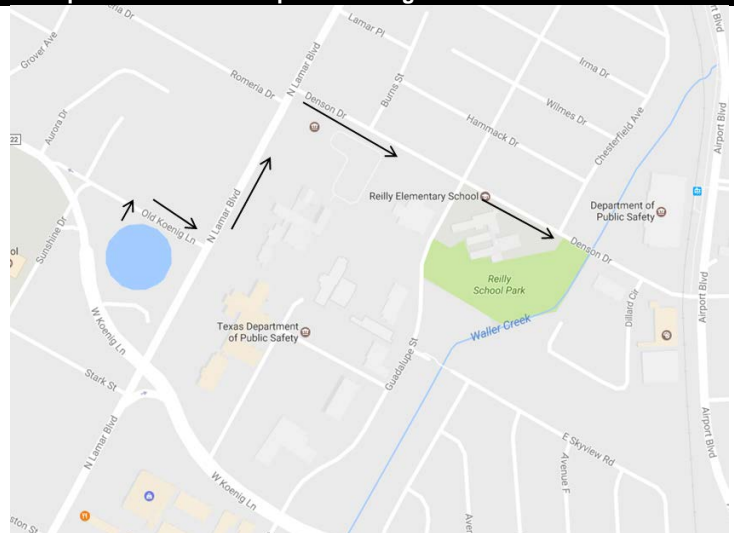
### Suggested steps for establishing CDL Skills Testing routes:

1. An alternate route must also be established in the event the primary route cannot be utilized due to construction, etc.
2. Use a map that shows streets and secondary roads.
3. Drive around the area.
4. Layout a route on the map. Look for expressway and urban areas close to each other to minimize the time needed for the test. Fill in the maneuvers between locations on the route.
5. Drive the route ensuring there are no commercial vehicle restrictions or low hanging obstacles. Ensure the route gives you enough time to score the maneuvers appropriately.
6. Create a chart outlining route directions, locations, what maneuver you should score, and the instructions you would give the driver at that location.

Example of Overhead Satellite Image with Basic Skills Test Pad



Example of street view map with testing route marked



### Example Itemized List of Maneuvers Conducted

	Maneuver	Location	Direction Point	Direction
1.	1 <sup>st</sup> right turn	Old Koenig Lane to N. Lamar Blvd	After vehicle started to begin test	At next street turn left
2.	1 <sup>st</sup> left turn	N. Lamar Blvd to Denson Dr	Midway between Koenig and Denson	At next intersection turn right
3.	Loading	Along Denson Dr	Approaching landmark silver fire hydrant	Give simulated instructions
4.	Unloading	Along Denson Dr.	After hydrant, but before grocery store	Give simulated instructions
5.	Railroad Crossing	Denson Dr. @ Airport	After bridge crossing	Give instruction for RR Crossing